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Title: ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION APPARATUS,  
ENCRYPTION/DECRYPTION METHOD, AND  
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM THEREFOR.  
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We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. A check for \$2158 representing the filing fee.
2. Application - 63 pages, including 14 independent claims and 50 claims total.
3. Drawings - 13 sheets of formal drawings containing 24 figures.

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